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Subject: PRESIDENT CHAVEZ GIVES UP

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1. (SBU) Gen. Efrain Vasquez Velasco reported in a live
television broadcast at 1:30am, April 12 that
President Chavez was at Miraflores and had given
himself up ("se entrego"). Vasquez said that Defense
Minister Rangel had reported the surrender directly to
him.

2. (SBU) According. Gen. Vasquez, a "Liaison Committee"
is meeting at Miraflores to discuss with Chavez the
terms of his resignation. Gen. Enrique Medina Gomez
was named as the leader of the Liaison Committee.

3. (SBU) At 2:00am on April 12, television is reporting
that large crowds are beginning to gather at La
Carlota airport awaiting the expected arrival and
departure of Chavez. The mood of the crowd is
jubilant.

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